

a transport device adapted to transport lancets and
an opening into which the lancing device can be inserted to remove an
individual lancet from the lancet magazine.

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49. (Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the opening has a
~~substantially circular shape.~~

Please add new claim 52 as follows:

52. (New) A system that is suitable for collecting a body fluid from a
region of the body of a person to be examined, the system comprising:
a lancing device which is suitable for holding a lancet,
a lancet magazine for storing a plurality of lancets, the lancet magazine
including a housing defining an opening into which the lancing device can be inserted to
remove a lancet from the lancet magazine,
a transport device adapted to move a lancet in the magazine into a removal
position adjacent to the opening, and
means for ensuring proper positioning of the lancet prior to removal of the
lancet from the magazine.

REMARKS

Introductory Comments

Claims 22-32 and 43-51 are pending in the above-referenced application. In the May 21, 2002 Office Action, Examiner Ngo allowed claim 26, rejected claims 22-25, 27-32 and 43-51, and objected to the drawings and claim 49.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claim 26 (Office Action, page 6). By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 22 and 49, and added new claim 52. Thus, after this Amendment, claims 22-32 and 43-52 are pending.

Objection to the Drawings